

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An accent frame for framing an article inset within a cutout of a structure, said inset article including a finishing ring for providing a transition from said article to said structure; said accent frame comprising:

a rigid thin sheet of material larger in size than the finishing ring, said rigid thin sheet having an outer edge defining an object-shape and a convex inner edge defining an aperture having a lip for proper positioning with said cutout, wherein said cutout comprises slots and said finishing ring comprises expandable tension clips for insertion through said aperture and said slots thereby securing said frame in place between said finishing ring and about the cutout and against the structure;

whereby said accent frame serves as an aesthetically pleasing backdrop to said finishing ring and serves to cover up any imperfections in the finish or cut of the surrounding structure.

2. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, further comprising a decorative outer edge.

3. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame is seated flush with said structure.

4. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame flares slightly away from structure to provide an aesthetically pleasing depth or texture to the frame.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said thin sheet of material is approximately 1 mm thick.

7. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said article is a recessed lighting fixture.

8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said structure is a ceiling, wall or floor.

10. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is constructed of wood, metal or plastic materials.

11. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is formed by injection molding.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is both decorative and covers up any imperfections in the edges of the cutout not covered by the finishing ring.

14. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said object-shape is a star, flower, or house.